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PRELIMINARY ACTION

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- A. Claims 1-13, 16-24 drawn to "window or viewport", classified in class 345, subclass 781.
- B. Claims 14-15, and 25-34, drawn to "a display device driver to configure a display hardware", classified in class 345, subclass 204.

The two inventions above are distinct, each from other, at least for the following reason:

Invention A and B are related as sub-combinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. But if the sub-combinations can be use separately, with out one depend upon other, as in invention A's processing of workspace in a window need not be used with invention B's processing a display mode, implement a display device driver, and configuring a display hardware.

Because the invention are distinct for the reason given above and have acquired in a separate status in the art as show by their different classification, and because the search for group of invention A is not required for group of invention B, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

A telephone call was made to Aloysius T.C.AuYeung on 08-22 and 09-05 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to the Patent Examiner **Thomas Nguyen**, whose telephone number is (703) 308-7240 (Monday to Friday 10:00 - 6:30 ET) or *Kristine Kincaid* Supervisory Patent Examiner (703) 308-0640. Other inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900 and Official-Fax number (703) 746-7239 for After Final (703) 746-7238. Please label properly on the cover page of facsimile communications.

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